



AMERICANS IN LONDON: AT THE THANKSGIVING DINNER, NOVEMBER 24.

Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Chouteau.

Drawn by Charles Sheldon.

Mr. Blake (Chairman).

Duke of Marlborough.

## DOMESTIC ANIMALS ARE NEW JACK-THE-RIPPER'S VICTIMS.

Since the Supposed Perpetrator of the Crimes Was Imprisoned Another Horse Has Been Killed and It Is Remembered With Alarm That the "Ripper" Threatened to Turn His Attention to Human Beings.

London, Dec. 19.—Although the Stafford Assizes have found George Edalji, the young Birmingham lawyer and son of a clergyman, guilty of the amazing series of "ripper" attacks on domestic animals that have kept all the country district of Cannock in a state of terror for the last nine months, the mystery as to why these hideous and apparently purposeless crimes were committed is as deep as ever.

When sentenced to seven years' penal servitude Edalji stoutly protested his innocence, and there seem to be many persons who believe him.

As for the folk in the neighborhood of Great Wyrie, the immediate scene of the outrages, they still are living in a state of apprehension.

Since the supposed author of the crimes was imprisoned another animal has been killed with particular viciousness, and it is remembered with alarm that in a letter, supposedly emanating from the "Ripper," it was declared that he expected to turn his attention to human beings before long.

Two animals have been slaughtered in various parts of the Cannock district—two sheep, a cow and seven horses, all but one of the latter valuable beasts.

All of the animals were found dead in their pastures in the morning, and all seemed to have been disemboweled with one stroke of some sharp weapon—perhaps a pruning knife.

One of the horses killed, which belonged to a farmer named Roberts, was fearfully mutilated.

The blood tracks in the mud made it clear that the brute had rushed about in a state of frenzy before he died, and a neighbor of Roberts', who was awake at the time, states that he heard a series of awful groans, followed by an unearthly scream, which he now believes must have been uttered by the horse.

These crimes took place about once a month, generally just after a full moon, and as one of them followed another the whole district became terrified.

MADINGS CONTINUED.

Police in plain clothes were in ambush everywhere, but the mysterious madings continued almost under their noses, and as no one knew who the assassin or assassins might attack human beings the country folk's alarm increased daily.

Almost no one dared venture out at night, and Great Wyrie got to be known as "The Village of Fear."

There was only one touch of what would be called "comic" in the whole thing.

One night when the reign of terror was at its height, the number of policemen abroad in the fields numbered over seventy.

Suddenly there came up one of the most severe rain and thunder storms that have occurred in the district in many years, and naturally the constables made for the doors of the nearest cottages and knocked for admittance, but they knocked in vain for the time farmer folk within preferred to sit tight, not knowing but the animal murderer himself might be at their doors.

It was in the latter part of August that matters at last came to a climax with the sensational arrest of George Edalji, only son of a local clergyman of high standing on the charge of having been responsible for the deaths of the various slaughtered animals.

Twenty-eight years old and hitherto of good repute, Edalji has been carrying on business as a lawyer in Birmingham four years, and he is the author of a book on railway law.

He always has been looked upon as uncommonly studious. The Reverend Shapwell Edalji, vicar of Great Wyrie, father of the accused is a Parson, but Edalji's mother is an Englishwoman.

Up to his arrest the young man lived with his parents at the Great Wyrie rectory, going to Birmingham by train.

Edalji's arrest followed immediately upon the finding of the mutilated body of a pony in a field about a half mile from the rectory.

SUSPECTED YOUNG LAWYER.

The police suspected the young lawyer because they discovered footprints leading away from the scene of the animal's death and almost up to the clergyman's door. They insisted upon entering.

The pony was killed on a rainy night, and in the young lawyer's wardrobe the officers found not only a pair of muddy boots, but a suit of clothing so damp as to be almost wet.

Moreover, on both the coat and trousers of this suit the detectives found short red hairs, which matched exactly the coat of the slaughtered pony. On one of the coat sleeves were splashes of blood. The police also found four razors the blades of which were stained a deep red, apparently with blood.

Edalji took his arrest coolly, and when offered his freedom on bail said that he preferred to wait his trial in prison, as he knew he would be subjected to continual insult if he remained at liberty.

One of the most extraordinary features of this strange affair is the remarkable part which anonymous letters have played in it.

They began to pour in upon all sorts of people almost from the beginning of the mysterious attacks on animals.

First private individuals got unsolicited missives, in which the writers threatened to "do for" their horses or cows—even animals which were valued for their milk.

One of these letters, posted from all over the district, and saying that their was about a score of who were responsible for the slaughter and would tell if rewarded. But these obliging folk never could be traced.

The letter which most frightened the villagers was received by a police sergeant and read:

"There will be a merry time in Wyrie when we start on the girls, for we will do twenty women like the horses before next March."

GREEK BOY'S CONFESSION.

But the most extraordinary of these documents addressed to the police was not anonymous, but was ostensibly written by a little boy named Geatzi, who lived in the neighborhood, and who "confessed" to the police that the animal murders were done by a youthful gang, of which he was one.

The names were given of the different juvenile members of this reported "gang," and they all were little chaps who, every one in the village knew, but when young Geatzi was seen by the police regarding his supposed confession he declared that he had not written it—that the whole thing was a fabrication, and the boy was able to prove that when the letter was put in the post he was in the Isle of Wight with his parents.

After Edalji had been arrested, it was supposed that he must have written all these screeds, but just as the slaughter of animals went on after the clergyman's son had been clapped behind the bars, so more anonymous letters received by the police.

The horse killed after Edalji's arrest belonged to a young farmer named Green. It was attacked at night and ripped open exactly as the other animals had been.

At first it was supposed that Green himself, as a friend of Edalji's, had killed the horse in order to help the arrested man, but as the police have not have the farmer into custody, the belief evidently had no foundation.

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## COMBES TAKES CONCLUSIVE STEP.

CALLS TO SEE WIFE. FINDS SHE IS DEAD.

Inmate of Sailors' Snug Harbor Indignant Because Almshouse Officials Didn't Notify Him.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 19.—Among the cellars at the Almshouse, on Randall's Island, was Stephen Kenney, an inmate of the Sailors' Snug Harbor. He called to see his wife, who, he found, had died four weeks ago from heart disease and had been buried in potter's field.

Kenney at first would not credit the story. When finally the truth dawned on him he bitterly denounced the officials because he had not been notified. He said his wife had a plot in Calvary Cemetery and always dressed in a potter's field. His wife was Bridget Kenney, aged 52, and they had been married thirty-seven years. Kenney had visited his wife about six weeks ago. She had been an inmate of the almshouse most of the time during the last four years.

Superintendent Roberts said Mrs. Kenney at the time of her last admission to the almshouse said she was a widow, and had neither home nor friends.

## ENGLISH TURF REGRETS LOSS OF RICH AMERICANS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. London, Dec. 19.—(Copyright, 1903.)—The Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News devotes a page to the retirement of Mr. W. C. Whitney and the Mosses. Keene from the turf, with pictures of the Whitney stables and a group of photographs.

"It is with regret," says this weekly, "that the turf world bids farewell to the Exton blue jacket and the brown cap which Valodovsky made forever famous in the annals of the turf, as during the four years in which these colors have been sported in this country, they have become a household name."

The "defection of the Mosses. Keene," says the same journal, "will be very greatly regretted. Their connection with the turf in this country will be remembered as having been that of thorough-going sportsmen."

## SUED FOR TAX ON HIS ARMORIAL BEARINGS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. London, Dec. 19.—(Copyright, 1903.)—The Viscount Deshurst, who married Miss Bonnyne, has been summoned by the revenue authorities for failing to take out a license for his armorial bearings.

The case came before the Hildesheim Magistrate, who were much puzzled over what appeared to be a very knotty point. It seems that Deshurst's armorial bearings bear the Deshurst crest. For this, it is contended, he must pay duty, but the Viscount Deshurst denies that the coronet is comprised in the term under the act as armorial bearings.

After some deliberation the magistrate decided to adjourn the case to permit, as they said, of the prosecution quoting legal authorities on the question.

## FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE BAPTISM OF A KITTEN.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Paris, Dec. 19.—(Copyright, 1903.)—"Pierre Loti," who, as M. Julien Vinard, commands the French guardship Vautour, at Constantinople, has excited the wrath of the editor of the Presse by organizing a solemn festival in honor of the baptism of a kitten, whose godfather was the Viscount de Salazar Penelon and whose godmother was Mme. Roux, wife of Commander Le Molette. The French Consul, commander of the French and Russian warships and M. Coquelin, cadet, were present at the ceremony, which was performed before an altar dedicated to Odine, whose high priest named the pussy Bilika.

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LONDON WOMEN ADOPT HAND-PAINTED STOCKINGS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. London, Dec. 19.—(Copyright, 1903.)—Hand-painted stockings, so an authority on feminine apparel tells us, are the latest fashionable craze. No other stockings are possible for evening dress, and half the best-dressed women in London have already laid in a stock of both hand-painted stockings and shoes.

## COMBES TAKES CONCLUSIVE STEP.

Religious Orders to Be Expelled From Their Last Intrenchments, Primary Schools.

WILL BE COSTLY TO STATE.

Move Will Call for an Outlay of Four Million Dollars for New Buildings and Large Sum for Teachers' Pay.

BY J. CORNELIUS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Paris, Dec. 19.—(Copyright, 1903.)—In order not to depart from his custom, M. Combes is going to present to the Cabinet a new bill forbidding teaching of any kind to all members of religious associations, even though these associations are authorized.

Perhaps he could have begun this way, or even ought to have begun so. Really, the chief question concerns primary education, and there remain to the religious orders scarcely 300 schools. They will be expelled from these as fast as they can be replaced; for, above all things, the children must not be left without teachers and without schools, especially after having passed a compulsory education law.

It is calculated that a disbursement of at least \$4,000,000 will be necessary for school buildings. On the other hand, the majority is determined to raise the pay of teachers, and that is an eminently democratic expenditure, only it will take \$3,000,000 every year.

Many people hold that this is going too fast and that we are being exposed to financial mistakes if we wish at the same time, to increase the teachers' pay, to interfere with the army appropriations. The future will probably show that the pessimists are right.

Finally, we are passing out of the struggle with the religious orders, we are falling back upon what may be called trifles. There was the speech of M. Jules La-maitre at Caen to prove to the Normans that they are persecuted and ruled by Gascons, and that, on the whole, it would be to their interest not to constitute a part of France the charge of federalism brought against M. Jules La-maitre by the adversaries of the incohesive defense of the National Academician and the continuation of the inquiry into the Humbert case, with the twin features of the members of the commission who belong to the Right are doing all that they can to do the situation and to create a new party, while the members of the commission who belong to the Left are striving to put things straight.

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## MORGAN TO BUY MSS. OF "PARADISE LOST."

English Literary and Antiquarian Circles Are Disturbed Over Rumor of Rich American's Designs.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Dec. 19.—Literary and antiquarian circles are agitated by the report that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has offered \$20,000 for the original manuscript of the first book of Milton's "Paradise Lost," about to be sold to the highest bidder. Mr. Morgan's representative here refuses either to deny or affirm the report. The auctioneers decline to answer any questions. The Times warns Englishmen that the manuscript "may well be expected to fetch the susceptible purse strings of American novel-bombers (newly rich)."

While laying stress on the remarkable historical, literary and sentimental interest of this relic, the Times mentions the fact that the document is not in Milton's handwriting, and compares unfavorably with the rich Miltonic moment in the library of Cambridge University. At the same time, it shows that the copy was loaned for the press and bears hundreds of previous indications of the personality of the scribe.

It is stated that, while the English museums are full of antiquities, particularly old manuscript poetry, and while the University of Trinity College, Cam-

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